Abstract of the Disclosure

[0020] A laminated blade assembly for cutting the insulation of a wire to permit removal of the insulation from the wire. The blade assembly includes a stationary member and a movable member which are formed to contact each other when moved together to support and cut the insulation of the wire. Each of the members includes a blade sandwiched between a pair of wire insulation supports. A number of grooves of different transverse cross-sectional sizes are formed in each support and are spaced apart from one another in a direction longitudinally of the edge of the support. One of the stationary and one of the movable members is a lower member and the other is an upper member with these members encircling the insulated wire when the members are moved together. Each of the grooves of the lower portion encircle more than one half of the cross-section of the insulated wire. Each of the grooves of the upper portion encircle less than one half of the cross-section of the insulated wire when the support members are moved together. The sharpened edges of the cutter blades are transversely offset relative to the edges of the supports when their blades are moved together to cut the insulation of the wire.